

Flatbush, Kensington, Parkville, Midwood, and Windsor Terrace. Since 1994, Jim has chaired the assembly standing committee on mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Mr. Brennan also serves on four committees: corporations, authorities and commissions; education; and real property taxation.

In his 12 years in the legislative, Mr. Brennan has sought to champion consumer protection, energy conservation, and social and economic justice. He is well known for his expertise on budget matters, school aid, and utility regulatory matters. He is the author of a major piece of budget reform legislation, the tax expenditure budget. This law, passed in 1991, requires the Governor to submit an itemized list of every special tax break that exists within the State tax code as part of the budget. This gives the legislature and the public the opportunity to scrutinize each tax break and to determine if it has a benefit to the public as well as to the private parties involved. Mr. Brennan also authored the exemption from the vault tax for New York City homeowners and the exemption from the New York City personal income tax for poverty level taxpayers.

Mr. Brennan maintains an active presence in his district, participating in the many civic, school, and community improvement efforts with his constituents. To better serve his constituency, he maintains two district offices. He was first elected to the assembly in 1984 after working for his predecessor, Joseph Ferris.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Assemblyman Jim Brennan for all of his years of faithful service to his country and to the 44th assembly district of Brooklyn, NY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO C.W.  
"BILL" JONES AND THE WEST-  
ERN DIVISION OF WILBUR-ELLIS  
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### HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 1997*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate C.W. "Bill" Jones and the Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co. as they are presented with Fresno Agriculturist and Fresno AG Business of the Year Awards. Bill Jones and the Wilbur-Ellis Co. exemplify excellence in the agriculture industry.

Bill Jones, originally from Big Spring, TX, graduated from the University of California, Davis with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. After being honorably discharged with the rank of captain from the U.S. Army Air Force, Bill Jones returned to the Central Valley where he worked as a fertilizer salesman. In 1949, Jones acquired 1,200 acres of farmland in the Firebaugh Canal Co. and started J & J Farms. In 1968, Bill was appointed to the California Water Commission by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan. During his time of service on the commission, he was known for recognizing the importance of water development throughout the State. J & J Farms has continued to grow and add a number of crops to its production ledger, including cotton, melons, alfalfa, corn, tomatoes, onions, garlic, broccoli, lettuce, and other vegetables.

Bill Jones played a key role in the formation of the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water

Users Association in 1977, and was elected president of its board of directors at the first meeting. He held the position for 20 years, retiring in June 1997. Under his leadership, the association expanded its membership to include urban contractors such as the Santa Clara Valley, the city of Tracy and the Grasslands Water District.

The Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co., headquartered in Fresno, has been serving the San Joaquin Valley and Arizona for 51 years. The company was selected by a committee representing the AG Fresno Advising Board, the Baker, Peterson & Franklin [BP&F] AG Department, and other organizations as a winner of the 1997 BP&F AG Business Award.

The Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co. is actively involved in testifying, lobbying, and helping to influence legislation for the reform of the Endangered Species Act, pesticide safety, water issues, and tax reform. They encourage their 400 employees to be actively involved in community service. The company also provides its employees company time to pursue their interests. The company sells pesticides and fertilizers through 18 branch locations, and its AMC subsidiary manufactures spray rigs and equipment. The company prides itself on the exceptional service to their customers.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate both C.W. "Bill" Jones and the Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co. as they are presented with the Fresno Agriculturist of the Year and the AG Business of the Year Awards. The hard work and dedication of both Mr. Jones and the Wilbur-Ellis Co. serve as a model for all Americans. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Jones and the Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co. the best for the future.

### IN MEMORY OF ANNE DOYLE

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Anne Doyle of Brecksville, OH. A Cleveland native, Anne successfully managed a family, a career, and several community activities.

In 1959, Anne was named Mother of the Year by the Southeast Mothers of Twins Club. She gave birth to twin sons, one of whom had Hodgkin's disease, only 11 months after the birth of her first child. She and her husband, Bertram, welcomed their fourth child when their oldest was starting kindergarten. Juggling an active household with four young children and budgeting her time to include activities such as Cub Scout den mother and singing with the Sweet Adelines prepared Anne for her later career. She served as an administrative assistant of parking and security for Cleveland State University for 9 years.

Anne's strong family values, and her exceptional Czechoslovakian recipes, will endure in her three surviving sons, Michael, Kenneth, and William, and her five grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

### IN MEMORY OF JOHN MILSTEAD

### HON. BILL McCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 1997*

Mr. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sorrow over the loss of a good friend of many of us in the Florida delegation, John Milstead, and to give condolences to his family. On Sunday, November 9, 1997, John suffered a massive heart attack while at home. He passed away that night at the age of 62.

John Milstead was the executive vice president of the Florida Bankers Association [FBA] for the last 24 years. In that role he was instrumental in many of the major changes in the banking industry over the last quarter century. John was government relations for the FBA both in Washington and Tallahassee.

Legislators of all stripes knew and liked John, and he will be missed by many. It was always a pleasure to visit with him, both in Washington and back home in Florida. His lack of pretense and absolute sincerity in personal and professional relationships made him a special person. John always knew the issue and argued his cause, but he was never abrasive. He was warm, generous, and thoughtful with everyone with whom he came in contact. Mr. Speaker, no words could do justice to how fine a person John Milstead was.

Our sympathy goes to John's wife Chris, his two sons, three daughters, and six grandchildren.

### IN MEMORY OF HON. JUDGE ANGELO DARRIGO

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 1997*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I inform our colleagues of the passing of a truly outstanding member of the bar in my congressional district, a credit to the bench, the Honorable Judge Angelo Darrigo.

Angelo was first elected town justice in the town of Newburgh, in Orange County, NY, in 1957. He was reelected every 4 years since and accordingly served on the bench for nearly 40 years. It is a credit to the high regard in which he was held that he was unopposed for reelection. In fact, he was reelected without opposition to his 11th 4-year term on the bench just last week, 4 days prior to his passing.

Angelo was a combat veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. When he and I came to know each other, when we were both studying law in New York City, we shared many memories of our experiences as Army Air Corpsmen.

Angelo was known not only for his compassion and fairness on the bench, but also as a skilled legal practitioner whose door was open day or night for anyone seeking his wise counsel and advice. Angelo will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join with me in expressing condolences to Angelo's widow, Antoinette, their three sons, Carl, Michael, and Anthony, their two granddaughters, Angelo's sister Mary Russo, his brothers, Frank and Thomas, and their many